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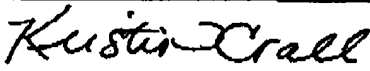
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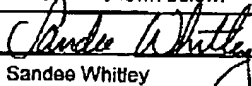
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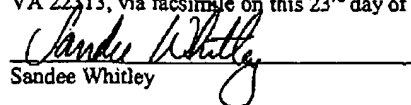
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In response to the Office Action of January 23, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.

Conclusion begins on page 16 of this paper.